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## Caltrans Completes Upgrades to Bridges on Interstate 5 in Merced & Stanislaus Counties Due to SB 1 Funds

**Stanislaus County** — Caltrans completed a project that extends the service life of 20 bridges on Interstate 5 in Merced and Stanislaus counties, due to funding by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“This SB 1 project allowed crews to perform proactive maintenance work to prevent deterioration of the bridges,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “These improvements will save taxpayers in costly repairs in the future and provide drivers with a smoother commute for years to come.”

Approximately 42,000 vehicles cross the bridges each day, and more than 10,000 truckers use the interstate daily to reach their destinations. More than 80 percent of the trucks are five-axle, heavy trucks.

“This stretch of I-5 serves is a critical artery for moving people, produce, livestock and manufactured goods between Southern and Northern California,” said Caltrans Acting District 10 Director Dan McElhinney.

“This SB 1 project will benefit California’s commercial and agricultural industry by extending the service life of the bridges and sustaining the weight of trucks hauling farm goods, such as tomatoes, grapes, poultry, wine and dairy products.”



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This \$4.3 million project was performed by Myers and Sons Construction of Sacramento. Crews replaced the top layer of the road surface over the bridges to create a smoother ride for drivers.

More information and updates on projects can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d10/projects.html> or on Twitter via @CaltransDist10.

SB 1 invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California. SB 1 funds are allowing Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.



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